

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
May 9, 2012

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Dacy Chris Ndifon
Hiede Holmes Sheryl Knowles

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Annie Morton, Daniel Mendes, Jean Spohn

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Roemer, Parks Development and Operations Manager
Michael Lafreniere, Director

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

Sheryl Knowles, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

AGENDA CONFIRMATION: The agenda was approved 4/0/0

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL of April 11, 2012 Minutes: The minutes from the April meeting were approved 4/0/0.

BUSINESS:

Discussion of Playground Safety Standards

Michael and Steve discussed a March 28, 2012 memo regarding the absence of playground safety standards or guidelines for any development in Burien other than by the City. The "Public Playground Safety Handbook" developed by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission was referenced as a tool available to provide guidance for playground development.

Staff has requested the Board to support two policy recommendations:

- 1) That the City's zoning and development codes be modified to require that site furnishings, equipment and surfacing in recreation spaces built by private and public development that is intended for public use, meet applicable ASTM and ADA standards.
- 2) That the City requires the installation of playground equipment intended for public recreation purposes be inspected by a certified playground safety inspector (CPSI) for compliance with applicable standards prior to occupancy or use.

Such a policy exists in other west coast states, in Washington it appears to be left to the cities to establish their own policies on this topic.

The Board asked for a couple points of clarification, if the policy would be retroactive, to which staff replied “no”, or if the policy would be a required or recommended action, to which staff replied “required”. Some members of the Board expressed concern over potential, additional burden on developers in terms of costs or regulations. Other Board members supported the policy recommendations. The policy recommendation will be voted on by the Board at the June meeting.

Discussion of 2012 Board Work Plan

As part of the 2011 Board Report to Council staff has requested that the Board also include their recommendations for the Departments 2013 Workplan items. These items would be considered by the Department and Council for inclusion in the Workplan and would also be topics for future Board agendas. Suggestions were provided by the Board and will be included in the 2011 Board Report.

Discussion of 2011 Board Report

The previous agenda item provided some discussion and the Board has provided staff additional input for inclusion in the annual report. A final draft report will be distributed to the Board and staff for review and then inclusion in the June 18 City Council meeting. The Board agreed that the report will be distributed to Council as a written document, as there will not be a verbal presentation by the Board chair.

Updates on Park Projects

Seahurst Park

The funding for the entire project is not in hand, so a phased approach is now under design. The Army Corps of Engineers has \$1.35 M, along with the City share we are looking at a \$2M base option. First phase would be to relocate utilities of electricity, water and communications. This will involve replacing the creek crossing and rebuilding the fish ladder, as well as removal of 100 feet of the wall so the creek can daylight out. For more than twice the price, do all of above, remove about 500 ft of seawall from creek south, restore the beach and put in the marsh. With the plan above, closure of the entire park may not be required. In order to do next phase, approximately \$500K additional is necessary. The current schedule shows bid for the first phase in August and start work in October 2012

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Puget Sound Park

The playground and trail construction has begun, however the play equipment vendor delivered some equipment that is incorrect. This will delay construction by about a month moving the project completion to the end of June 2012.

Grants

Steve reported that he has applied for Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) state grant funds for the recreational phase of construction at Seahurst and for a replacement of the restroom building at Moshier. Final funding notification is scheduled for December 2012.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Ed reported that Dr. Odd Valle the husband of Georgette Valle, recently passed away.

Michael reported that the Department will be hosting a camping event at Seahurst Park in July.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND/OR QUESTIONS:

1. Tour of N. Burien parks in July
2. Health and Wellness Programming for all Ages
3. Candidate locations for dog park or off-leash areas , criteria needed for such a facility, demand in community for such a facility
4. Community Garden topics
5. Science and Ecology Education options- current and opportunities – nature clubs

The next meeting is June 13, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Submitted by Steve Roemer